DETAILED SPECIFICATIONS

Replace the following paragraph on page 7 of the specifications

Referring to FIG. 's 8-23, there is shown alternative embodiments for the inlet means (170) of the present invention. Inlet means (170) in the present invention can be implemented utilizing zippers or other such compatible releasable fastening means. In FIG.'S 8-23 below inlet means (170) are implemented as releasable fastening means and numeral 170 is used to designate fastening means implemented as inlet means in the present inventions.

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Referring to FIG.'s 15 and 16, releasable fastening means (170) is affixed to the peripheral edges of upper panel (115). Upper panel (115) further includes an adjoined lower edge (317), a detached upper edge (315), a detached first side edge (230), and a detached opposite second side edge (330). Releasable fastening means (170) is affixed along the upper edge (315), the first side edge (230) and the opposite second side edge (330). As shown in FIG. 15, while in an opened position ~~(135)~~ the upper panel (115) would pivot forward and backward upon the lower edge (317).

Replace the following paragraph on page 10 of the specifications

Referring to FIG.'s 20 and 21, there is shown an alternative embodiment of the present invention of a protective covering for a traveling bag. In the illustrated embodiment, protective covering (100) includes a housing further defined by an upper panel (115), a lower panel (117), a front panel (120), a back panel (125), a first side panel (130), and an opposite second side panel (135). Back panel (125) is further defined by an adjoined lower edge (230), a detached first side edge (231), a detached second side edge (232), and an upper edge (233). Adjoined to upper edge (233) is a second upper panel (116). ~~Each slot (145, 146) is dimensioned to accommodate the perimeter of the upper opening (115).~~ As shown in FIG. 21, each upper panel (115, 116) has a slot (145, 146) which is

situated within the upper panel to align over the handle of the covered traveling bag. Each slot (145, 146) is positioned near a peripheral edge of the upper pane (115). Each slot (145, 146) is dimensioned to accommodate the handle of the traveling bag in a telescoped position when the handle is extending upward. When in a closed position, the second upper panel (116) overlays the first upper panel (115) with slot (146) overlying slot (145). The second upper panel (116) is releasably connected to the side edge (200) of first upper panel (115) using zipper means or another such compatible means. As in the illustrated embodiment, at least one opening within the lower panel (117) is made to accommodate the wheels and/or the stand of the covered traveling bag.